

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 10 and 22-24 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 8, 9, 11 and 12 are canceled. Claims 8, 9, 11 and 12 have been previously withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Office Action indicates that claims 1-7, 10 and 22-24 are allowed.

I. The Claims Satisfy All Formal Requirements

The Office Action indicates that the application contains claims 8, 9, 11 and 12 drawn to an invention non-elected with traverse. Thus, the Office Action asserts that a complete response to the Final Rejection must include cancellation of non-elected claims or other appropriate action. Claims 8, 9, 11 and 12 are canceled.

II. The Drawings Satisfy All Formal Requirements

The Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO 948) objects to the drawings. Specifically, the Form PTO-948 indicates that the lines, numbers and letter in Figures 1-10 are not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). The enclosed letter to the Official Draftsperson substitutes formal drawings for the corresponding drawings filed with the application.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-7, 10 and 22-24 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Letter to the Official Draftsperson

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